

## CROOKS GET REAL BENEFIT FROM CHICAGO STRIKES

The Amalgamated Order of Professional Gunmen, Dips, Second-Story Men and General Crooks seems to be the real winner in the various strikes now being waged in Chicago.

There are 3,563 patrolmen in the Chicago police dept. Of these, Chief Healey admits that over 600 have been taken from the regular duties the taxpayers are paying them for and assigned to help the employers break strikes.

In addition to this number, many of the 27 captains and 73 lieutenants in Chicago are devoting practically all their time to strikes. Even the detective bureau, that division that is supposed to concentrate its entire attention on criminal cases, has been dragged into the strike trouble.

The mounted squad, Chief Healey's pet dept., is being used almost exclusively as a bodyguard for the strikebreakers working on express wagons. The motorcycle squad has also been given over to the express companies.

Anton J. Cermak, chief bailiff of the municipal court, declares that after an investigation he has found that since the beginning of the strike there is an average of only one policeman on duty on the West Side to every four or five square miles.

Chief Healey, in asking the city council to appropriate for 1,000 more policemen recently, declared that even with every available patrolman and detective used for regular police duty, Chicago was a mark for burglars, holdup men, con men and other criminals. Yet he has granted every request of strike-bound employers.

Does "Danny the Dip" worry as he deftly frisks the pocket of the prosperous-looking gentleman on the rear platform? Not Danny. He knows that the "eye that never sleeps" is tenderly guarding P. D. O'Brien's strikebreakers at the express companies' barns.

No longer does "Black Bill" worry over the protection of darkness as he slaps the belated traveler with the large diamond pin over the head. There's nothing stopping him now if he cares to do a little second-story to vary his night's work. He knows that Policeman Hogan is blocks away traveling a couple of beats that have been added to a beat already to wide for one man to travel effectively.

The demon auto speeder can now have a holiday any time he wants. There will be no motorcycle cops to pester him. Motorcycle cops must now watch that no one who looks as though they don't like strikebreakers get too near the express wagons.

And still Healey is adding more men to the express companies' list. It is said that if the freight handlers join the strike there will be about one-third of the police force working for big corporations instead of the citizens of Chicago who pay their salaries.

## MEET IN MEMORY OF CONNOLLY

Meeting under auspices of Irish Labor Union relief committee will be held in Cohan's Grand Opera House, Sunday at 2 p. m., to commemorate death of Jas. Connolly and other leaders of rebellion in Ireland. There will be an international platform. Delegates will attend from various organizations. Dr. K. A. Zurawski will speak on behalf of the Polish National Defense league; Ald. Roderiquez will represent the Socialist party; Col. Patrick Wallace, the Connemara National Volunteers; Miss Sydney Gifford of Dublin, sister-in-law of Tom McDonogh and Joe Junktett, two of the men shot as leaders in the rising will represent the Irish Women Workers' union, Jim Larkin, founder of the Irish Citizen Army, colleague of James Connolly, will speak on the Irish rebellion, its purpose and its personalities, and explain its inner history.